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Samuel Rhodes and Robert McDonald Will Perform on Friday, April 23

Violist Samuel Rhodes and pianist Robert McDonald will perform music by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, Brahms, Hall Overton, Stravinsky, and Vieuxtemps in a recital in the Coolidge Auditorium on Friday evening, April 23. The concert, sponsored by the Da Capo Fund in the Library of Congress, will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Samuel Rhodes, violist of the Juilliard String Quartet since 1969, is also known as a recitalist, concerto soloist, composer, and teacher. He is a member of the viola and chamber music faculties of the Juilliard School and Michigan State University and has also taught and conducted master classes at the Aspen Festival and the Aspen School of Music. A native New Yorker, Mr. Rhodes received his early musical training as a viola and chamber music student of Sydney Beck, with whom he studied until 1960, when he began to study with Walter Trampler. He earned a bachelor of arts degree at Queens College of the City University of New York and, later, a master of fine arts degree from Princeton University, where he studied composition with Earl Kim and Roger Sessions. In 1960, Mr. Rhodes was invited to participate in the Marlboro Music Festival, to which he has returned many times. He has toured four times with Music from Marlboro and will do so again in the 1982–83 season. Performances at the Aspen Music Festival in recent years include appearances in recital with pianists Rudolph Firkusny, Emanuel Ax, and Brook Smith.

Robert McDonald was the top prizewinner of the 1980 University of Maryland Piano Competition, the recipient of the National Federation of Music Clubs Artist Award, and the first prizewinner in the Washington International Piano Competition. He has appeared as soloist with the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Md., Milwaukee, Wis., and Omaha, Nebr., as well as the National Orchestra of Costa Rica. Following his graduation, magna cum laude, from Lawrence University, Mr. McDonald continued his studies at the Curtis Institute of Music and the Juilliard School, studying with Rudolf Serkin,

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Seymour Lipkin, Mieczyslaw Horszowski, and Beveridge Webster. He has played extensively as both recitalist and chamber musician throughout this country and in Latin America and has been a participating artist at the Marlboro, Brevard, and Caramoor festivals. This summer he will be the pianist-in-residence with the American String Quartet at the Taos School of Music in New Mexico.

The program to be performed by Mr. Rhodes and Mr. McDonald includes a Sonata in C minor by W. F. Bach; the Sonata in E flat major, Op. 120, No. 2 of Brahms; Hall Overton's Sonata, composed in 1959; the Elegy for unaccompanied viola by Stravinsky; and the Sonata in B flat major, Op. 36 of Henri Vieuxtemps.

Tickets will be distributed at the Patrick Hayes box office at 1330 G St. N.W. (Jordan-Kitt's), beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 19. Two tickets will be distributed to an individual, with a 25-cent service charge on each ticket. Phone orders may be placed by calling 393–4463.

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The concert will be broadcast live over radio station WETA–FM and made available to stations in other cities by the Public Radio Cooperative under the auspices of the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

Philatelic Club Offers First Day Envelopes

Before and after the April 21 ceremony announcing the new Library of Congress stamp (see pp. 101–102 of last week's LC *Information Bulletin*), the Library's Philatelic Club will be offering special first day envelopes for sale. The club, part of the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA), has prepared a specially designed cachet with first day cancellation. The design on the envelope is reproduced from a pen-and-ink drawing of the Thomas Jefferson Building by Paul Boswell of the Serial and Government Publications Division.

The cachets sell for $1 apiece. Orders must be prepaid and should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. They should be sent to the Library of Congress, WRA Philatelic Club, Attn: Mr. Pat Bernard, Catalog Publication Division, Washington, D.C. 20540. Checks should be made payable to the "Library of Congress Philatelic Club."

Sales of the new stamp and first day covers by both the club and the U.S. Postal Service will take place in the Whittall Pavilion on Wednesday, April 21, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sales will continue following the ceremony, and the Postmaster General, The Libarian of Congress, and the designer of the stamp will be present to autograph the covers.

Library Licensed to Make Deacidification Solution

The Library of Congress has taken a nonexclusive, royalty bearing license, effective October 1, 1981, to make and use nonaqueous deacidification solutions for materials in the Library's custody and in facilities under its control and direction. The solutions being used were invented by Richard D. Smith of Wei T'o Associates, Inc., Box 40, Matteson, Ill.

The relationship between U.S. Patent 3,676,182 granted to Dr. Smith and U.S. Patent 3,939,091 granted to George Kelly, Preservation Research and Testing Office, and assigned to the Library has not been clearly understood until recently. As a result of discussions between the Library and Dr. Smith, the Library has been licensed to use Letters Patent 3,676,182.

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STAFF NEWS

Edith Barker Iwasechko Retires

Edith Barker Iwasechko retired from the Library on March 31 after more than 36 years of Federal service, 16 of them in the Library's Financial Management Office.

From February 1966 until June 1975, Mrs. Iwasechko served as the supervisor of the Library's Payroll Preparation Unit, and she worked from 1975 until her retirement as a payroll audit specialist. She had worked at the Federal Maritime Commission and Federal Aviation Administration before coming to the Library.

She is joined in retirement by her husband, Justyn Iwasechko of the European Division, who also retired from the Library on March 31. Mrs. Iwasechko, who is a native of Washington, D.C., will be sharing her time between residences in Crewe, Va., and Glen Spey, N.Y.

Margaret Warren Retires

Margaret J. Warren, assistant editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification, retired from the Library on February 6. A reception in her honor was held in the Decimal Classification Division on February 5, where she was presented a Superior Service Award by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh.

During the reception, John P. Comaromi, chief of the division, spoke of Ms. Warren as "a guard at the door of rational ideas." Benjamin A. Custer, former chief of the division, also commented, "She did all the work and I took all the credit—an almost perfect division of labor."

Ms. Warren began her Federal service in 1953 in the office of Karl Earl Mundt, U.S. Senator from South Dakota. In 1958, she left Federal service to acquire a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina. Upon graduation, she was employed by Cornell University libraries until 1963, when she came to the Library's Descriptive Cataloging Division.

In 1965, Ms. Warren began a 17-year career in the Decimal Classification Division. By 1969, she had become the assistant editor.

The work Ms. Warren did for Editions 18 and 19 was outstanding. Through her able guidance, Law 340 and Sociology 301–307 were completely redone, and Social problems and welfare 360 and Economics 330 were improved markedly by the substantial revisions carried out. She also completed a reconstruction of Education 370 just before her retirement.

Margaret Warren, Benjamin Custer, and William Welsh

Her major achievement as assistant editor came at the end of her career. Much of the *Manual on the Use of the Dewey Decimal Classification* was written, and all of it edited, by Ms. Warren.

William Sólyom-Fekete Earns 25-Year Pin

Carleton W. Kenyon, Law Librarian, presented William Sólyom-Fekete, senior legal specialist in the European Law Division, with a 25-year Federal Service Award pin on March 15. Present at the ceremony were Ivan Sipkov, chief of the European Law Division, and members of the division staff.

Dr. Sólyom-Fekete was born and educated in Budapest, Hungary. He graduated from the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Budapest and was awarded a doctorate of general law degree by the University of Pécs, Hungary. After finishing his studies, he practiced law and served from 1953 to 1956 as legal counsel to a Hungarian Government enterprise. Following the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, he emigrated to the United States, and he became a citizen of this country in 1962.

Dr. Sólyom-Fekete began his Federal career in March 1957 when he joined the European Law Division of the Law Library as a legal analyst attached to the Mid-European Law Project. He was subsequently

promoted to the positions of legal specialist and senior legal specialist.

Sara B. Trowel Completes 25 Years of Federal Service

Sara B. Trowel, library technician in the Science and Technology Division, received a Federal Service Award pin on March 16 in recognition of 25 years of service. The presentation was made by Elizabeth F. Stroup, director for general reference, Research Services.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Trowel was graduated from Western Kentucky Business College. She came to the Library of Congress in 1957 as a clerk-typist in the former Catalog Maintenance Division. In 1963, she joined the business office of the Photoduplication Service. She joined the Science and Technology Division in 1965.

Mrs. Trowel has earned all her Federal service at the Library of Congress. In her present division, she has received a letter of commendation, an outstanding performance rating, a quality increase, and two promotions.

Mrs. Trowel has completed several library technician courses at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School and at the University of the District of Columbia.

Staff Activities

Ranjan Borra of the Southern Asia Section, Asian Division, was invited to present a paper on "Elitist Nationalism and the Problem of Poverty: The Theory of Subhas Chandra Bose" at the Fourth International Netaji Seminar held in India on January 23–29 under the sponsorship of the Netaji Research Bureau of Calcutta. The seminar was attended by scholars from the United States, Europe, and Malaysia and by a Japanese delegation headed by former Lt. Gen. Iwaichi Fujiwara of the Japanese Imperial Army. This year's conference discussed, among other subjects, the cultural and spiritual aspects of Indian nationalism as well as its political characteristics, the progress of science and technology in South Asia, and the development of collections of documents and other research materials at the library of the Netaji Research Bureau.

Mr. Borra was also the principal speaker at a discussion meeting organized by the Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta, on the subject of "Research Material on South Asia at the Library of Congress." A number of scholars, students, and faculty members from Calcutta University and Jadavpur University participated. The discussion was organized by Nishith Ranjan Ray, director of the institute.

George E. Glos, senior legal specialist in the European Law Division and adjunct professor of law in the Georgetown University Law Center, delivered a lecture on March 3 at George Washington University before students in the Department of Government. Dr. Glos spoke on the legal effect of foreign expropriation.

Three staff members participated in a cataloging workshop in conjunction with the 27th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) held in Washington, D.C., on March 2–5. The workshop, "Cataloging Latin American Materials under AACR 2," was organized by the seminar's Subcommittee on Cataloging and Bibliographic Technology. **Richard J. Ricard, Jr.,** head of Romance Languages Section I, Descriptive Cataloging Division, addressed questions on the descriptive cataloging of Latin American materials. **Regene Ross,** head of Social Sciences Section I, Subject Cataloging Division, and **Georgiana Greely,** subject cataloger in the same division, responded to questions on current subject cataloging practices.

Norman J. Shaffer, chief of the Photoduplication Service, delivered a talk entitled "Preservation Microfilming Technology: An Institutional History as Related to National and International Developments" at the Librarians' Association Seminar held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill on March 8. Mr. Shaffer's talk was one of several presented at the two-day meeting on the subject of "The New Technology: Issues and Implications for the Library."

Elizabeth F. Stroup, director for general reference, Research Services, spoke on March 17 to the staff of the Morris Library at the University of Delaware on "Future Directions for Reference Services."

John A. Wolter, chief of the Geography and Map Division, is the author of an article "Maps and Microimaging" that appears in *Microcartography: Applications for Archives and Libraries,* edited by Larry Cruse and published in 1982 by the Western Association of Map Libraries as No. 6 of their Occasional Papers series. Some 14 articles dealing with the history and present use of cartographic microforms in all their variations in format and style and an extensive annotated bibliography are included in this interesting and informative state-of-the-art volume.

The Library of Congress office in India shared an exhibit with the U.S. International Communication Agency at the fifth World Book Fair in New Delhi, which exhibited the products of more than 400 Indian publishers and 50 foreign publishers from 22 countries. Following her opening address on February 5, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (left photograph, on the far left) briefly visited the ICA/LC booth. Also present was Mya Thanda Poe (far right), the Library's assistant field director for administration and planning.

During the fair, local Library staff members from the New Delhi office answered questions and explained the Library's overseas acquisitions program in India. The Library of Congress display emphasized the Library's microform program in India and bibliographical tools such as the Accessions Lists *produced by the New Delhi office. Looking at the display (right photograph) is Ismat Jehan, acquisitions librarian.*

Announcements

The **Women's Program Office** welcomes any literature (magazines, brochures, and so forth) pertaining to women's issues which can in turn be shared with interested Library employees. This material will be placed on racks allotted to the Women's Program Office located outside the cafeteria in the Madison Building. Interested donors should contact staff assistant Laura R. Robinson, Women's Program Office, LJ G104B, ext. 76598.

The **American Red Cross Bloodmobile** will visit the Library on Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. each day. The unit will be located in the Assembly Room, sixth floor of the Madison Building (LM 649). Staff members wishing to donate blood should register with keyworkers in their respective divisions. Donors from outlying locations are requested to use the regular shuttle bus service.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Antonee Black, senior clerk-typist, GS–4, Cop Inf & Ref, 10684; Vicki Snyder, clerk-typist, GS–3, Bldgs, 20020; Rayvon Twitty, mail clerk (trainee), GS–3, Ord, P114B.

Temporary Appointments: Crystal Canty, deck attendant, GS–2, Col Mgmt, G113N; Cecilia Chang, reference clerk, GS–3, CRS EPW, NP; Shearon Dishman, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113N; Margaret duMais, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113N; Joseph Green, library aid, GS–3, Desc Cat, NP; Stacey Gregory, library aid, GS–3, E&G, NP; L. Jean Hansen, library aid, GS–3, Desc Cat, NP; Robert Huebner, library aid, GS–3, Ord, NP; Sheila Jones, editorial assistant, GS–5, CRS E, NP; Andrea Katz, library aid, GS–3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Deborah Knox, clerk/messenger, GS–3, CRS C, 10637; Amy Levine, pictorial library technician, GT–5, P&P, NP; James Meinhold, staff analyst, GS–13, ASO, NP; Nancy Porter, library aid, GS–3, SMCD, NP; Gregory Ruter, reference clerk, GS–3, CRS EPW, NP; Ben Silverstein, deck attendant, GS–3, Col Mgmt, G113M; David Spradley, seminar program aid, GS–5, CRS MCR, 20045; Ric Stewart, library aid, GS–3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Eric Williams, library aid, GS–3, Cat Mgmt, NP; Mark Zoole, library aid, GS–3, Proc Desc Pol, NP.

Reappointment: Doris Lee, secretary, GS–6, P&P, 10691.

Temporary Reappointments: Karen Baumgardner, library aid, GS–3, CDS, NP; Barbara Isaacs, certified nurse practitioner, GS–11, Pers, NP.

Promotions: Lillian Banks, NLS/BPH, to MARC monograph verifier, GS–9, MARC Ed, 10692; Johnnie Barksdale, Spec Col, to administrative officer, GS–11, Res, 10656; David Brewster, to mail clerk, GS–4, CS, 10662; Anne Custer, NLS/BPH, to MARC monograph verifier, GS–9, MARC Ed, 10692; Kenneth Kraft, to unit supervisor, GS–13, FRD, 10672; Jo Ellen McCurdy, to administrative secretary, GS–7, M/B/RS, 10680.

Temporary Promotion: Margaret Coughlan, to chief, Children's Literature Center, GS–14, Ch Lit, 20048.

Transfers: Grace Reed, Cop Acq & Proc, to executive officer, GS–14, Cop Reg, 10585; Charles Stanhope, E&G, to administrative officer, GS–11, Res, 10656.

Resignations: Wayne Bratchie, Photodup; Turney Ellis, M/B/RS; Marianne Lynch, Ord; Howard Patterson, Photodup; Perrin Shaffer, ASO; Gwinnetter Smith, CS.

In the Second Half of April . . .

Thursday, April 15

The WRA Travel Club will present a slide program by John Gibbs of the Descriptive Cataloging Division on his recent trip in Peru. In the Madison Building Assembly Room (LM 649) at 12 noon.

The Irish Tradition will perform the first in the American Folklife Center's 1982 outdoor concert series. On the Neptune Plaza, Jefferson Building, from noon to 1:30 p.m. (indoors in the event of rain). No tickets are required.

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The Health Services Office will be offering eye tests for the detection of glaucoma (see the special announcement of March 11 to all staff members). In the Health Services Office, LM G40.

Friday, April 16

The LC Online Users Group will present a program on user documentation with Lucinda Leonard of the Federal Library Committee, Edna Sussman of the Congressional Research Service, and Arlene Whitmer of the Automated Systems Office. In the Madison Building Assembly Room at 12 noon.

The Women's Studies Discussion Group will hold a program on "Women Healers" with Jill Gay of the Institute for Policy Studies. In room 324A of the Page School, Jefferson Building, at 12:30 p.m.

The Juilliard String Quartet will offer the last in its series of concerts this spring devoted to the performance of the entire cycle of Beethoven's string quartets. The series will continue in the fall. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be distributed free to staff members through the WRA Office beginning the preceding Friday. Tickets are also distributed through Patrick Hayes, 1330 G St. N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Monday before the concert.

Wednesday, April 21

The Library of Congress and U.S. Postal Service will unveil a new Library of Congress stamp. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 11 a.m. Sales and an autographing session will take place in the Whittall Pavilion from 10 to 10:45 a.m. (sales only) and again from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A new exhibit, "A Nation of Readers," will open in the Great Hall and remain on view through September 9. In the Thomas Jefferson Building.

Thursday, April 22

The Staff Training and Development Office will sponsor a lunchtime seminar, and a video tape presentation on "The Panel Rating Process" will be shown. A question-and-answer period with Janet Johnson and Ted Moore, specialists from the Recruitment and Placement Office, will follow. In room LM 654 of the Madison Building at 12 noon.

Friday, April 23

Violist Samuel Rhodes and pianist Robert McDonald will perform works by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, Brahms, Hall Overton, Stravinsky, and Vieuxtemps. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. See April 16 listing for ticket information.

Wednesday, April 28

The Library will conduct a Health Benefits Fair to assist staff members in selecting or changing a plan under the Federal Employees Health Program during the Open Season (May 3–28). In Dining Room A (LM 620) of the Madison Building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff members who wish to attend programs or other events during their normal working hours should consult their supervisors.

Local History and Genealogy Room Moves to the Jefferson Building

The Local History and Genealogy Reading Room of the Library of Congress moved recently from the fifth floor of the John Adams Building to new quarters (pictured above) in space formerly occupied by the Law Library in Room 244 on the second floor of the Jefferson Building.

As a result, the reading room has been able to enhance its services to the public greatly. The space for the reference collection has been increased threefold, and the number of seats available to researchers has been tripled as well.

All of the class C materials (including family histories), class F materials (local histories), and city and telephone directories not in the expanded reference collection have been moved to stacks adjacent to the reading room and the waiting time for delivery of materials has decreased significantly.

The Local History and Genealogy Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and on three holidays (Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day), and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Requests for information about the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room should be directed to the head of the reading room, Judith Austin, Library of Congress, General Reading Rooms Division, Washington, D.C. 20540, tel. (202) 287–5537.

Dr. Smith pioneered the development of nonaqueous deacidification solutions during the 1960s at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. His preferred deacidification agent, magnesium methoxide, was utilized by Mr. Kelly through addition of carbon dioxide to form methoxy magnesium methyl carbonate (MMMC), a chemical by definition, made up of more than 50 percent magnesium methoxide.

The announcement of Mr. Kelly's patent (see the LC *Information Bulletin* of March 12, 1976) described the use of MMMC, then called methylmagnesium carbonate, as follows:

> Many earlier deacidification techniques were based on aqueous deacidification solutions. Such solutions, although effective in some instances, have drawbacks related principally to the fact that water can be very damaging to some types of paper and to certain inks used for color work or for writing.
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> Although several nonaqueous or solvent-based methods have also been developed in recent years, each has been subject to some problems, ranging from the toxic nature of the materials involved to the tendency of some solutions to precipitate in the presence of moisture and leave a deposit on the paper.
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> Methylmagnesium carbonate eliminates nearly all of the objections encountered with other solvent-based systems. It effectively deacidifies papers too delicate to be treated by aqueous solution. The solution imparts a level of alkaline reserve high enough to protect the paper against future acid attack, whether these acids are internally generated by decomposing lignins or other compounds or externally deposited from atmospheric pollution.
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> Solutions of methylmagnesium carbonate are much more stable than previously available solutions, most of which tend quickly to become inactive. The effectiveness, the longer storage life, the greater convenience, and the significantly lower cost of the new product provide a superior deacidification agent for the use of conservators.
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> The Preservation Office of the Library of Congress has been using the new process to treat certain books and documents for the past 12 months. The results have been excellent and no adverse effects or difficulties of any kind have been encountered.

With the exception of the Library of Congress, Wei T'o Associates, Inc., is the exclusive licensee under Dr. Smith's patent. The objective of Wei T'o is to encourage persons and institutions who have been manufacturing their own solutions to become customers. It is the Library's understanding that Wei T'o has no desire to penalize any person or institution who has acted in good faith thinking that they were licensed under Mr. Kelly's patent. On the other hand, Wei T'o has informed the Library that it believes development costs should be evenly spread among all those who benefit. For these reasons, Wei T'o will merely seek reasonable compensation from those persons and institutions who promptly undertake negotiations. It is the plan of Wei T'o to improve the quality, variety, and scope of its products and to support research in preservation for the benefit of collectors and institutions like archives, libraries, and museums. Dr. Smith, who is president of Wei T'o, has indicated that this plan follows his conviction that inventions should produce income and this income should be used to produce further benefits for society.

International News Briefly Noted

IFLA Moves Headquarters

On March 24, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) moved its headquarters to the Royal Library (Koninklijke Bibliotheek) of the Netherlands. The association's new address is IFLA Headquarters, c/o Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Prins Willem Alexanderhof 5, The Hague, Netherlands, tel. 70 140884, telex 31500 kb nl. IFLA's new postal address is IFLA Headquarters, P.O.B. 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands.

New Colombian Librarian Named

Julio Aguirre, a well-known professional librarian both at home and abroad, has been named to head the Colombian Library of Congress in Bogota. Trained in law in his native country, Dr. Aguirre also pursued a graduate degree in library science at Columbia University in this country. For four years, he coordinated the library system at the University of El Valle, one of Colombia's largest institutions of higher education. For an additional six years, he served as a library consultant in the neighboring countries of Ecuador, Venezuela, and Bolivia and, in Central America, in Nicaragua.

Dr. Aguirre also worked for three years as managing editor of the magazine, *Bolivar,* a publication devoted to literary and historical studies, and he has lectured as a professor of library science at universities in Colombia and abroad. He is the author of three studies of library architectural planning and a contributor to the *ALA World Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science,* and to the *Dictionary of Latin American and Caribbean Biography,* published in London.

Gershom Scholem Dies in Israel

Gershom Scholem, a well-known authority on Jewish mysticism, died in Jerusalem on February 21 at the age of 84. He had been a member of the faculty of the Hebrew University from the university's founding in 1925 until his retirement 40 years later. Thanks to his labors, research into Jewish mysticism was elevated to a proper academic discipline, following rigorous philological and historical methods.

Professor Scholem served as the first director of the Judaica Department in the Jewish National and University Library from 1923 to 1927, and he was instrumental in developing the expanded scheme for Jewish studies within the Dewey Decimal Classification system employed by that library.

Japanese Poet Visits Library

Kiyoko Horiba, an outstanding contemporary Japanese poet, visited the Library of Congress on February 25. Also well known as a literary critic, commentator, and biographer, Ms. Horiba recently completed, in collaboration with her husband, Masanao Kano, a study of the life and works of Itsue Takamure, a scholar and women's rights advocate who was preeminent in the history of Japanese women's movements and whose writings have had a profound effect on contemporary Japanese literature and social life.

This is Ms. Horiba's second visit to the United States. Following her first visit, in 1964, she described her observations and experiences in this country in a book entitled, *Amerika no uramado* [America's back windows] (Tokyo, Ushio Shuppan Sha, 1968).

After a brief tour of the Library and a visit to the Japanese Section of the Asian Division, Ms. Horiba read a selection of poems from one of her works, *Sora* (Tokyo, Tōji Shobō, 1962), for the Library's Archive of World Literature on Tape. These poems reflect her personal impressions of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.

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